A Free and Easy Translation of Theophile Gautier's Story.

### WILLIAM'S KNOWLEDGE OF FRENCH

The Bully Good Time That the Fresh Young Man with a Burning Love and a Milk Route Had, But the les Cream Got There Just the Same.

[Translated with considerable recklesses from the French of Theophile tinutar by William Nye, Esq.]

The delicate shrimp pink heel of Cheopatra saluted the quivering flood as she slowly slipped into the pleased and highly delighted waters. About her waist and arms silver and pearl girdles and bracelets ching when the surface of the waters broke over her wonderful figure, and opaline bubbles caught and kinsed her dimpled shoulders as the fair queen samled about in the rippling tide or shricked with lengther as she lammed a trusted sunuch in the eye with a bunk of golden must.



SHE SHRIEKED FOR HATP.

Her wealth of wonderful hair floated out behind her over the water like a magnificent mantle. Cleopatra was regal even when bereft of her royal robes, and those who happened to be riding by on the cars while she was in swimming were forced to admit that even shucked she was still a queen. She swam to and fro, sometimes treading water with her cherubic feet or scooting dog fashion like a beautiful water bug across the pond. Now she would seem to sleep on the surface of the waters like a slumbering lily, and then anon she would rise from her wet environments like a Venus rising to a point of order in the conven-tion at Mount Olympus.

Suddenly Cleopatra utters a sharp and startled cry, as did Diana when surprised by action. Through the foliage she had seen the earnest and somewhat admiring eye of a total stranger. It was that of histamoun, the westched lover of the gueen, who had never met her, but who He was from the middle walks of life, did seem to lay aside what other business he had on hand and worship the magnifi-cent woman who, as these lines are d, slid softly into the all embracing raters like a beautoous musicrat! Her startled cry brought to the bank

her two armed ennucls, who had been ging farther down the stream. Cleoatra pointed out to them the clump of cealed. Defense was useless, and so he attempted none. He said that he was mery such a thing should have occurred, but he would try to avoid anything of the kind in the future.

It was indeed a coarse thing to do. She told him distinctly that it was no way to do, and asked him if he were not

ashamed of himself.
Quickly covering herself with her cali-sirm, she bade the cunuchs spare the life of the rash young man and bring him before her. They done so. The queen could not understand why he should have come, at the risk of his life, where no man was admitted upon penalty of death. Surely he had not come to steal her clothes and hide them just to chaff her nibs, for she had still other clothes which were yet good, besides quite a lot-that could be made over and still look

No, he must be an assessin hired by bloodthirsty Rome to steal in upon her and kill her. But his clear, honest eye ad trembling lip told a story of truth

and trembing up toes a story of truth and of a heart at once pure and sweet. "May my soul be found light in the halance of Amenti," he said, "and may Innei, daughter of the Sun and Goddess of Truth, punish me if I ever entertained of Truth, punish me if I ever entertained a thought of evil against you. O queen." Saying this upon his knees, Melamonn wept and tried to hite the dust, but his no seemed to be in the way. He was a fine looking young man, as

Cheopatra saw at a glance, of great no-bally of character, and a little less boavy perhaps, than Antony was. He has came of a common set of people heine backet town, and had just bought milk route of his father, which he ought was going to be a good thing in the life to which you have been accustomed, heavish your fiddle have always been well off, I know, and you have never itself to gut your hundwinte dishwater or scald militages or wash calves from the parastessen, but Llove you very much, indeed, very much, indeed. We will have to live plain at first, but I am a steady young person and have already this year measurabled eight dollars. In fanty years this would, as you will see, and any that you would make me a good wife if you still feel town a little Do not, oht doubterfree-me, he said. "The Alliance people will soon be on top, and I life to which you have been accusdougrantersum, he said. "The Alcalled "My Gram Tree Caroes," red lights
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when with her dressing, nowmore to "Brest One," sheems, "Dog of these arts foolinarly wroteh. You that with your cardinan impulsance

be killed, of course, but I cannot decide yet how to do it. Whether to fry you in the fat of these negligent curuchs and feed you to my aquartum, or shock you to death with the early burner of France

Queen," said the youth, nowstanding on the other foot awhile, "I deserve to its. Be clement, but let me die. You will find nearly seven dollars worth of emic tickets in my inside pocket. Take them; they are yours. You can get your milk in that way of my successor free, and milk is quite an item with any-body who keeps as much hired help as you do. Take my life. It is uncless to me

since I love you and you love me not."
"Well, then," said the queen, as she
smilingly shed a mouthful of hairpins,
for her smile was wider than she had
thought, "you shall have your wish, but first you shall know what it is to have what we call fun. You Alliance people think you have some little pleasure in life, but you do not. You are extranscous, as we say, or not in it. You are my guest for this evening. You die in the morning. You will join me at din-ner, will you not? We keep an all night house, and we have some wassell on hand that has never been used; also a can of orgies that has not been opened yet.

May I count on you?" "Indeed thou mayst," said the youth, as he went out into the court yard and washed his face in therain water barrel, and walked for a time in the dewy grass to remove the milk spots from his bespattered boots.

Cleopatra now gave orders to have the banquet hall prepared, and sent away to the village for a fiddler who could also call off. She was cool, yet watch-ful of her help. She was everywhere ordering victuals cooked, the smell of hot preserves came from the royal der, who was a good man, and pointed to himself with pride on account of his singularly pure life in the midst of the corruptions, temptations and fines and costs of a court, was sent to the neigh-bors for more sauce plates and a two gallon ice cream freezer.

Rare exotics were gathered to beautify the table, and Egyptian hollyhooks were massed with sprigs of asparagus and nice dried grasses at eyether end of the voluptuous table. The new cake basket was on the table with two kinds of cake in it, and everything was arranged without regard to cost.

Cleopatra ordered that a bran new table cloth be used that evening, and also decided to open one of Bent's justly celebrated hunting case water crackers. The hall was resplendent with decorations and articles of vertu, one painting being a fruit piece, given, all framed, by the publishers of The Egyptian at Work, a weekly publication, which Cleopatra took on account of the recipes contained in it, for she did not agree with it relig-iously, being a free thinker and general all around looles from the head waters of the Nile

In the parlor she had a tree fungus, on which she had etched a nice winter scene, copied from a Christmas card. Meiamoun's eyes stuck out a good deal when he saw all these glorious things, for at home they all lived in one room, and took turns dressing behind the stove of mornings. A handsome cottage organ stood in one corner, with a copy of "Pull for the Shore" lying on the music rack. The trappings of the room drawn rug represented Pharaoh as he looked in the morgue after the recovery of his body and while waiting for iden tification. His features were somewhat



CLEOPATRA TURNS OUT THE GAS. distorted; but it is very hard to work speaking likeness into a drawn rug, and Pharach had also been drowned quite a while when he sat for the portrait. While Cleopairs sang a little song for the young man, slaves and curuchs were

busy opening came of Cove oysters and setting the table.

Suddenly it occurred to the great potentate that her guest ought, perhaps, to make some slight changes in his togs. Showing him the way up to a pleasing room and handing him a small key, the young man lost no time in opening a large leather bag with Egyptian hieroglyphics on it, and finding Antony's regular ban-

queting clothes. Donning a linen tonic with golden stars upon it, like the costume of the Goddess of Liberty, and a purple mantle, he bound a fillet de boud about his brow, and passed down to the dining hall smelling quite sweetly of Antony's hair oil, perfumed with Laly of the Nile. Cleopatra wore her other dress. It consisted of a pale green crepe de Chine open at the sides and clasped with golden pers. It was an evening dress, and therefore almost entirely concealed as aim set at table. On her arms she tore two strings of poarts as big as bickery nuts, and a pointed distern valued at cleven dollars rested on her marble and

mastre skull. As she exact her goest beside her she clapped her little hands, and instantly the Egyptian glee club struck up a song

flamed with phosphores was lightnings; the built headed alois breathed flames; the slabuster elephants, in her of per-fermed water, specified shoft bright colink that with your anchine imposement arms of creates fire; prisonate iries or building malk made you may win to be a queen where farm is good for a temporary Smeley power from the order of the motion of the moti

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dishes of phenicopter's tongues, the livers of scarus fish, the cele, fattened upon the bodies of prominent people and cooked in brine, the dishes of peacooks' brains, tenderion of terrapin any filley, hot Sauterne, boars stuffed with living birds, etc., etc., were on the menu.

common at the poet keller or the rats keller to the wines of Crete and of Massicus, were served by Asiatic pages, upon whose rich and voluminous flowing hair the beautiful and somewhat finicky (leepatrs wiped the Egyptian gravy from her taper fingers. Her companion also did the same as soon as he got onto it, but prior to that he contented himself with utilizing the borrowed vestments of the absent Antony. Yet we should not repreach him now. Treading as he was upon the borders of a yawning grave, but seeing across the groaning board the grinning face of Death, we may forgive him if in an unguarded moment be did things that were outre.

Toward the close of the feast mummers (both dry and extra dry) entertained the young people with song, dance and walk around. The president of the Cairo and Egyptian central dropped in on his way home from the depot and spoke briefly regarding the tariff, and a local humorist gave a funny little aneodote and took home a cold goose in a news-

Then Cleopatra herself arose. She cast aside her mantle, and stating briefly in a few well chosen words that she could not make a speech, not having been constructed in that way, neither could she sing a song or tell a story, she would, with the consent of the audience, offer a selection from an Egyptian break down composed by herself and which they might like to hear. While the beauteous queen sashayed up and down to the lascivious pleasings of a lute the picnic ice cream came in. Cleopatra said that she would not chase any, but the rash young man from the Spring Valley Milk farm ate heartily of it.

As he finished and wiped his spoon on

the hair of a eunuch the gray of the dawn was stealing in through the rich hangings of the hall. An ashen look also stole over the face of the young yahoo, and quickly clasping his hands to the base of his chest he gave a startled cry like that of a tomcat who has unwittingly swallowed a hornet with a mean temperature to it. Not having read the papers much, he had not noticed how many people were being mowed down by ice cream, and so as the day began to dawn the rash young ass who had loved the queen, and swapped his life, his hopes, his soul and his milk route for two dellars worth of good victuals, curled himself up in a shapeless mass, and kicking two or three times convulsively, although, of course, it was worse than useless, he gave up the ghost.

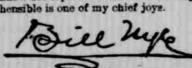
Pouring a little vinegar on a large pearl, the haughty queen dropped a tear for the late milkman, and swallowing the molten gem as one might a sherry flip she turned off the gas, rang for the undertaker and retired to her apart-

Cleopatra has been harshly criticised by many modern writers for being so kind of wild, but we should remember that she was called to the throne quite young and needed a mother's guidance. She was very wild as a girl, and it has been intimated that her father was a clergyman. He being very strict, she finally broke loose and made a good deal of talk in Egypt.

Yet Cleopatra had her good points. She was a good cook and a model house-keeper. She is said to have made a pre-serve out of watermelon rinds that brought on a war with the Romans which lasted eight years and caused much bloodshed.

She reigned quite a spell and died among strangers, well off, but practi-cally an old maid.

The above is a free translation of an article written by Theophile Gautier, which I promised him while in France should be rendered into the American tongue as soon as I could get time from my multifarious duties. Wherever there was a foreign word which I could not translate exactly I have sought to use some of our modern expressions, which, though direct and powerful, I know are reprehensible. To be repre-



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with the Russian war of 1864-56, the Indian mutiny, the Russe-Turkish war, the Geneva arbitration, the Italian war of 1859 and many others have the impress of his genius.

Educated at Eton and Oxford, he was in diplomatic work at the age of twenty as attache of the British embassy at Paris. After a few years in parliament Lord Palmerston in 1840 made him under secretary for foreign affairs. Thereafter he followed the fortunes of the Liberals, and while out of office, as well as in, was a firm friend and supporter of propular remedy of its kind ever produced, pleasing to the taste and acceptable to the stomach, prompt in its action and truly beneficial in its effects, prepared only from the most many excellent qualities commend it to all and have made it the most propular remedy known. of 1859 and many others have the imas in, was a firm friend and supporter of Mr. Gladstone. His father, the first Earl of Granville, dying in 1846 he succeeded to the peerage, but continued ac-tive in political life. In foreign courts be was called the "British icicle," on ac-

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Points About the Opal. There is an American lady, Mrs. M. E. Tifft, who is credited with the possession of the largest opal in the world, which was presented to her as a decoration by President Juarez, of Mexico. It

was given in recognition of the timely assistance rendered to the Mexican gov ernment by a loan of several millions of dollars from the banking house which Mr. Tifft represented in Mexico at the time of Maximilian's death. His successor, President Juarez, sent this decoration to Mrs. Tifft. The stone is oval in shape, and measures about one and one-half by two inches. It is surrounded by twenty diamonds, sixteen small and four large ones, and is mounted

to wear either as a pin or a pendant. The opal is of ancient date, and like the majority of Mexican stones is seamy, but the colors imprisoned in its depths present the hues of an autumn sunset. There is something almost uncanny about this opal, for its owner declares it will reflect her moods as well as the tint of the gown she wears. The stone has become recognized as the "Tifft opal." and its owner, having lived abroad for many years, it is well known among the crowned heads of Europe, and at one time was in possession of the emperor of Germany for a fortnight.

And the Wind Blew. Guest (at spring retreat for city people)-I wish you would put another blanket on my bed. I was cold last

Clerk-Certainly (whispering to bell boy). Tell the chambermaid to have the blanket on that man's bed taken from between the sheets and put on top of the riet.—Brooklyn Life.

Hostess-Miss Rackshaw, let me introduce the Hon. Mr. Goldmedal.

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